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Substitute House Bill No. 5030
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 9, 2012

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GENERAL
EDUCATION CORE OF COURSES TO ALLOW FOR THE SEAMLESS
TRANSFER AMONG PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
EDUCATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2012*) (a) Not later than July 1,
2 2013, the regional community-technical college system and the
3 Connecticut State University System shall develop and implement a
4 general education core of courses for which not fewer than thirty
5 academic credits shall be offered by each such constituent unit as part
6 of its liberal arts and sciences programs and any other degree program
7 designated as a transfer program. A student who graduates from any
8 such liberal arts and sciences program or transfer program or transfers
9 from such program to another of such constituent units or to another
10 institution within the same constituent unit shall transfer any credits
11 earned while enrolled in such program toward the general education
12 core curriculum requirements of the constituent unit to which such
13 student transfers.

- 14 (b) Teaching faculty from the regional community-technical college
15 system and the Connecticut State University System, elected pursuant
16 to a uniform, system-wide election by the faculty senates representing
17 each of such constituent units, shall be included in the development
18 and implementation of the general education core of courses.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact associated with the development and implementation of a general education core of courses to the Board of Regents (BOR), as the BOR routinely perform these types of activities.

House "A" (LCO 2871) removes the University of Connecticut from the requirements of the bill and results in no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5030 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GENERAL EDUCATION CORE OF COURSES TO ALLOW FOR THE SEAMLESS TRANSFER AMONG PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Connecticut State University System (CSUS) and the community-technical college system (CTC) to develop and implement, by July 1, 2013, a general education core of courses. The core must comprise at least 30 academic credits and be offered in CSUS's and CTC's liberal arts and sciences programs and any other degree program designated as a transfer program. If a student earns academic credits from the core and subsequently transfers to the other system or a different institution in the same system, the bill requires those credits to count towards that system's core requirements.

The bill requires teaching faculty from CSUS and CTC to be included in the core's development and implementation. The faculty must be elected in a uniform, system-wide election by the faculty senates representing CSUS and CTC.

*House Amendment "A" removes provisions that applied the bill's requirements to UConn.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 0 (02/21/2012)